

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 9:45 am
The Epistle from the Weekly Readings – Room 9

Children’s Sunday School – Rooms 2 & 4

Senior High Youth – Youth Room
Confirmation – Room 8

Wednesday 6:30 pm
Study of David – Room 9
Discovery Class – Room A

First and Third Tuesday
Women’s Bible Study-Biblical Heroines of Faith. – Room 8

Announcements

Thank You I am truly grateful that God has given me 20 years of ministry with you, the saints here at Chapel of the Cross. God is good! Thank you for your words of encouragement and affirmation, your love shown to me and my family, and the willingness you have in serving our God together here in North St. Louis County. Thank you, too, for the beautiful stole that was given to me. The stole with its meaningful symbols will be treasured.

Also, on behalf of Pastors Bischoff and Glenn and Vicar Chuck, thank you for your kind words, prayers, and thoughtful gifts given to us on “Clergy Appreciate Day.” Every one of us counts it a joy and privilege to be in the ministry and to serve with you here at Chapel. We thank God for how He has blessed us. And we thank God for how He continues to bless us through you! God’s peace and joy. Pastor Laesch

Highlighting 60 Years of Chapel Ministries and Organizations – Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry: As part of Chapel’s 60th anniversary celebration, we continue to highlight the many ministries and organizations offered here. The purpose is to make you aware of the various opportunities to serve and be a part of Chapel. This month we feature the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. Chapel members Ellen and Mike Kehe lead this ministry at Chapel and actively reach out to Chapel members and friends to donate small gifts which fit into a shoebox for needy children around the world. The Operation Christmas Child organization partners with local congregations to share the saving message of Jesus Christ with these children. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry or if you would like to learn more about it, please contact the church office and they will put you in touch with Ellen and Mike.

Thanksgiving Donations: The Helping Hands Food Pantry will be giving out Thanksgiving boxes to families in need. Chapel members are invited to donate food items to help give families a complete Thanksgiving dinner. Please take one or more food cards from the table in the Commons and bring in the food items by Sunday, November 9. You may donate cash in lieu of purchasing food. Make checks out to Helping Hands Food Pantry and place in the offering basket or bring to the church office. Thank you for helping to bring joy and Thanksgiving to families in need!

The Flowers on the altar are given by Bill and Lois Westbrook to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Chapel and Lois being a charter member.

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns: John Almstedt (<i>food Pantry</i>) David Applebaum (<i>family member of Bill and Marilyn Miller</i>) Steve Becker (<i>friend of John Zvirgzdins</i>) Tanjila Bolden Mardell Brown (<i>friend of Georgia Thomas</i>) Ivy Rose Clark (<i>relative of Alexis Cunningham</i>) Ruthie Crawford (<i>friend of Julie Griffith</i>) Morgan Cunningham (<i>friend of Jon Rogers</i>) Heather Drew Matthew Dina (<i>relative of the Uttley family</i>) Clyde Dempsey (<i>father of Julie Seibert</i>) Shari Lou Eakins (<i>friend of Jon Rogers</i>) Aulderay Fields Darlene Franklin (<i>friend of Georgia Thomas</i>) John Gassner (<i>cousin of Gloria Uttley</i>) Ruthanna Garrison (<i>friend of Joanne Fansin</i>) Bill Graser (<i>food Pantry</i>) Carolyn Hanneman Rita Hayes (<i>sister of Jim Crosier</i>) Donna Heinrich Ashley Hochuli (<i>grand-daughter of Marilyn and Bill Miller</i>) Virgil Hoffmann Dennis Iborg (<i>brother-in-law of Dawn Iborg</i>) Marlo Johnson Shirley Johnson (<i>friend of Jon Rogers</i>) Jordan Jones (<i>friend of Ervin Wilson</i>)	Ali Kloppenburg Joyce Lackey Audrey Luedtke Bill Madison (<i>son-in-law of Bill and Marilyn Miller</i>) Arminius Matthews (<i>son of Alicia Harris</i>) Alex Metz (<i>friend of Steve and Julie Seibert</i>) Joan Milligan (<i>friend of Alexis Cunningham</i>) Peggy Miller Joe Miano, Sr. (<i>father of Joe Miano</i>) Patricia Miano (<i>mother of Joe Miano</i>) Magnolia Morrow (<i>food pantry</i>) Karen Rae (<i>relative of Maire Trelz</i>) James Rogers (<i>brother of Jon Rogers</i>) Annette Rueckert Rosilyn Cunningham Schmitt (<i>mother of Robert Cunningham</i>) Jill Seibert (<i>mother of Steve Seibert</i>) Jim Seibert (<i>father of Steve Seibert</i>) Edna Shanklin (<i>friend of Alexis Cunningham</i>) Gail Shultz John Simon Johnnie Spears Pam Taylor Dale Ternaprovich (<i>brother of Joyce Lackey</i>) Jean Thomas Anne Walkenhorst (<i>friend of Steve and Julie Seibert</i>) Mickie Wallerstein (<i>friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller</i>) Eric Williams (<i>son of Betty and Les Williams</i>) Curtis Young (<i>food Pantry</i>)	Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer: Jay Bentzinger (<i>friend of Nancy Swoboda</i>) Lisa Capehart (<i>niece of Art Williams</i>) Barb Carroll (<i>friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra</i>) Bob Crecelius (<i>brother of Roy Crecelius</i>) Sue Gassner (<i>cousin of Gloria Uttley</i>) Helen Gioia (<i>cousin of Julie Griffith</i>) Tenisha Hackett (<i>niece of Carla Rainey</i>) Wayne Haas (<i>former member</i>) Cheryl Hogan (<i>daughter of Lois Hoffman</i>) Adrian Hughes (<i>Aulderay Fields</i>) Sonja Hughes (<i>friend of Adrienne Burton</i>) Bianca Jackson (<i>friend of Vernida Summers</i>) Crystal Jackson (<i>niece of Johnnie Spears</i>) Debbie Jenkins (<i>niece of Vernida Summers</i>) Tom Krauter, Jr. (<i>son of Tom Krauter</i>) Cheryl Linton (<i>sister-in-law of Joseph Miano</i>) Shannell McCain (<i>cousin of John and Jay Zvirgzdins.</i>) Peggy Meisch (<i>friend of Julie and Steve Seibert</i>) Martin Rodgers (<i>cousin of Jerri Bolden</i>) Ellen Saville (<i>friend of Keith Neuber</i>) Christine Schwepker (<i>friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra</i>) Arrior Soll (<i>friend of Jerri Bolden</i>) Vernida Summers
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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Thank you for continuing to fill the Christmas Box for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry! We are fast approaching our Packing Date of Sunday November 2 after the Late Service in the Gym! **Volunteers would be appreciated for set up for Operation Christmas Child shoe box packing day. Set up is Friday October 31, 10 a.m.-noon in the gym.** While you can donate any listed item for the shoeboxes at any time. October's emphasis will be focused on donations for the shipping of the boxes. They can be placed in an envelope indicating that it is for Shoebox ministry. Thank you again for blessing children around the world, and we look forward to Packing Day, November 2!

Friend of Moms is in need of diapers size 4, 5, 6.

Family Night Thank you to everyone who made our first Family Night such a success! We were blessed to come together with our community to share a time of fellowship .Mark your calendars! Our next Family Night will be Tuesday, October 28th from 5:30-7:30pm. We are looking for volunteers to help with the children's Bible time and for one person to take the lead on preparing the meal (don't worry, there are already volunteers signed up to help you!) If you're interested or have questions, please reach out to Vicar Chuck at vicarchuck@chapelofthecross.org or 985-852-7958.

BIBLE STUDY

GriefShare: We meet on Tuesdays from 2:00 pm. Join Vanessa Morris and Bill Rusnak in the Parlor as we walk together through the journey from mourning to joy.

Wednesday Bible Study: Join us on Wednesday evenings in Room #8 at 6:30pm. Our study of David focuses on the life and faith of this man "after God's own heart" as one committed to God's will and commands. Bring your Bible as we too, seek to align our desires and actions with God's.

Men's Small Group Study: Friday, November 7, 21 10:00 a.m. in the parlor. Men, please bring a photo or two of your father.

LIFE TEAM

The Lord God Himself solemnly swears Himself to sustain life unto its end. What comfort we may bring to surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses that this very Lord draws near to the brokenhearted-and not to pare down their lives, but to preserve them. Giving Gospel-motivated voice to God's truth and Christ's love carries out the greatest of commandments.

We know that God cherishes life at all stages, from embryo to infant to toddler to teenager to adult to old age. Each week during 2025, the Life Team will be recognizing the birthdays of our older members at Chapel of the Cross. If we miss your birthday or if we have the wrong date, please call the church office to get our records corrected. This week, we recognize the birthdays of the following:

Mary Barnes - Oct. 25	Jean Wiechert – Oct. 26
Manfred Loesch – Oct. 28	Beverly Buxton – Oct. 29

MAPP GOD'S WORD

Revelation 1:18 - "I am He that lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of Hades and of death."

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Coming up at Chapel

Tuesday, October 21
10:00 AM Women's Bible Study
2:00 PM Grief Share

Wednesday, October 22
6:30 PM Bible Class

Thursday, October 23
7:00 PM Choral Singers

Saturday, October 25
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, October 26
Reformation Day
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Genesis 32:26 – “Then he said, ‘Let me go, for the day has broken.’ But Jacob said, ‘I will not let you go unless you bless me.’” The great Lutheran musician J.S. Bach composed a beautiful motet using this voice. It is the cry true faith, much the same as Peter's words: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have eternal life.” True faith clings to the Lord no matter the struggle, no matter the “hard saying” that the Lord speaks. True faith knows that God means to bless us always.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (10/12/2025):

- Worship 186 and 14 visitors

Last week's offering (10/12/2025):

- General Fund: \$7,944
- Building / Capital Fund: \$2,040
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$72

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$481,183
- Building / Capital Fund: \$59,754

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$609,588
- Building / Capital Fund: \$43,596